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Dear Commissioners:

I understand that the Federal Communications Commission is currently examining the SBC Pacific Bell 271 application.

Based on the results in other states, it is clear that SBC Pacific Bell's long distance entry will lead to increased competition in all telecommunications markets – all companies will try to match or beat the offerings of their competitors on packaged phone services that include local, long distance, data, wireless and other services.

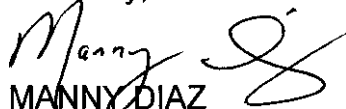
Already, over 141 million Americans in 23 states have been enjoying the benefits of full competition. In Texas and New York for instance, CLEC competitors increased their local service market share and consumers are saving millions on phone service.

From a California perspective, our diverse population makes extensive use of long-distance telephone services. My constituents will greatly benefit from increased long distance competition because they heavily rely on phone service to keep in contact with friends, relatives, and business partners throughout the world.

Finally, SBC Pacific Bell is one of California's largest private employers of union workers and has a strong working relationship with the Communications Workers of America. SBC Pacific Bell's long distance entry will create more union-supported jobs and provide increased opportunities for Californians.

Thank you for considering my comments on this important issue for California.

Sincerely,


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